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ANNUAL REPORT  
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1975  
DIVISION OF REGISTRATION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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# *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*Department of Civil Service and Registration*

*Board of Registration in Pharmacy*

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June 30, 1975

Mrs. Evvajean Mintz, Esq.  
Director of Registration  
Leverett Saltonstall Building  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Mintz:

In compliance with the statutory requirement, the Board submits the Annual Report of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy for fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

Needless to say, the workload of the Board continues to augment.

During the previous fiscal year a permanent office staff stenographer Helen Starek left employment and after exhaustive attempts to get a replacement the position remains vacated.

The statistics which are herein submitted disclose pertinent facts regarding the Board's activity and financial status which are self-explanatory. However, it is worthy to note some observations derived from the report. At the end of fiscal year 1974 there was 1495 retail pharmacies in Mass. and at the end of fiscal year 1975 this number was reduced by 40 drug stores for a total of 1450 drug stores. This has been the trend over the past several years. It is projected the leveling off point may well be in the vicinity of 1200 drug stores.

The average failure rate for candidates for examination was 11%.

On June 16, 1975 John E. Stallworth of Osterville was appointed to serve the unexpired term created by the resignation of public member Arnold L. Slavet, Esq. of Weston.

On August 28, 1975 Saul E. Rosen of Needham Heights was appointed to serve the expired term of Board member Richard R. Conlin of Methuen.

In accordance with Statute Law a reorganization meeting was held on December 3, 1974 at which time Mrs. Ethel T. Pierce was elected President by unanimous vote.



At its August 20th meeting the Board voted to propose no changes in the By-Law of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy relative to internship or reciprocity stipulations.

The Board spent considerable time in discussing the implementation of chapter 326 Acts of 1974, effective September 8, 1974 relative to internship and supportive personnel. The new law authorized the Board to make necessary regulations in this area of activity.

Drafts of the regulations were submitted to the Board by its Executive Secretary, Romulus L. DeNicola, which reflected the Board's intent and directive.

Subsequent to the draft of proposed regulations interested parties representing academia, hospital and retail pharmacy, the Department of Public Health, etc. met with the Board for comment and input.

Regulations for Pharmacy Interns and for utilization of Supportive Personnel pursuant to section 30, chapter 112, G. L., as amended by chapter 326 of the Acts of 1974, were submitted to the Secretary of State on April 25, 1975 and published on May 5, 1975.

Presentations have been made in order to disseminate information on Board activity and to inform the profession of its legal responsibilities as practitioners before various pharmaceutical organizations, on both the local and state levels; the colleges of pharmacies, and inter-professional groups.

The Board was represented in an advisory capacity to the Drug Diversion Investigative Unit of which Commissioner of Public Safety John F. Kehoe, Jr. is chairman. The Board has assisted in investigative procedures of this unit particularly in areas of accountability of drugs distributed through the legal channels of distribution. It is the responsibility of this unit to monitor drug flow and detect diversion into illicit channels etc. The unit has been effective and welcomed by the agency since it is impossible to cope with the problem of drug diversion with the limited resources of the Board. As a result of this venture there have been several suspensions and revocation of licenses.

Break and Entries of pharmacies and holdups continue to plague the pharmacists.

Statistics continue to point towards a continuous increase in women applicants for examination for licensure to practice pharmacy. The majority of women pharmacists are employed in institutional pharmacies.

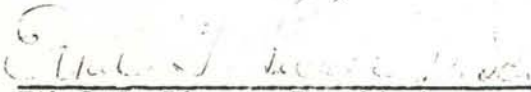
In order to cope with the demands in this agency it will be necessary to supply additional office help, and provide for a more realistic funding.

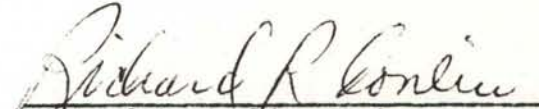
The agency by statute is allowed six agents for routine work and investigative assignments but it is only funded for four agents. There is a constant demand for information, correspondence and communication from this Board. There is a need for proper monitoring of the internship and supportive personnel program.

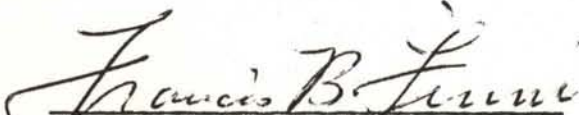
The Board cannot fulfill its obligations and discharge its responsibilities


with the additional demands placed upon it beyond the routine functions such as licensing, examinations, registration renewals, law enforcement and hearings, without sufficient help and financing.

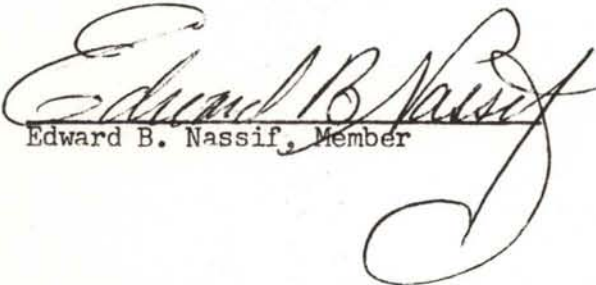
Very truly yours,

  
Ethel T. Pierce, President

  
Richard R. Conlin, Member

  
Francis B. Finni, Member

  
John E. Stallworth, Member

  
Edward B. Nassif, Member

  
Romulus L. DeNicola, Executive Secretary



BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FISCAL YEAR 1975

JULY 1, 1974 to JUNE 30, 1975

INCOME

Drug Store Permits.....	\$ 5,855.00
Certificate of Fitness.....	2,400.00
Wholesale Druggists' License.....	6,300.00
Drug Store Controlled Substances.....	30,102.00
Wholesale Controlled Substances.....	637.50
Hospital Controlled Substances.....	1,275.00
Examination Fees.....	6,075.00
Biennial Renewal of Personal Cert, of Registration.....	65,240.00
Reinstatement Fees.....	3,180.00
Reciprocity Fees.....	1,500.00
Duplicate Certificates.....	140.00
Certified Statements.....	137.00

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS           \$122,841.50

EXPENSES

Executive Secretary, Services.....	\$ 17,621.20
Agents' Services.....	59,895.35
Members' Services.....	5,204.17
Members' Services Acct. Payable.....	45.83
Repairs.....	406.28
Repairs Accounts Payable.....	465.24
Travel, Members and Agents.....	4,979.51
Travel, Accounts Payable.....	1,420.49
Office Expenses from App. of Director of Reg.....	7,339.98
Office Expenses, Accounts Payable.....	5,948.45
Office Personnel Services (Including Temporary Help)...	19,306.06

TOTAL EXPENSES           \$122,632.56

*Romulus De Nicola*  
ROMULUS DENICOLA  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

# BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

JULY 1, 1974 to JUNE 30, 1975

No. of Meetings for hearings and assembling of markings....	21
No. of Meetings for examinations held by the Board.....	2
Total Number of Meetings.....	23

## HEARINGS

On Cleanliness and Sanitation.....	1
On New Drug Store Applications.....	24
On Wholesale Druggist's License.....	4
On Duplicate Certificate Applications.....	30
On Reciprocity Applications.....	33
On Larceny from Public Welfare.....	1
On Malpractice and/or Misconduct.....	10
On Substitution.....	2
On Non-conformity with Federal Regulations.....	2
On Violations Against the Code of Professional Conduct.....	10
On Violations of Chapter 94C.....	6
Public Hearing on Internship and use of Supportive Personnel in Pharmacies.....	1
Total Number of Hearings.....	124

## RESULTS OF HEARINGS

Certificate of Fitness Revoked.....	1
Drug Store Permit Suspended.....	1
Drug Store Permits Revoked.....	2
Drug Store Permits granted to open New Stores.....	20
Drug Store Controlled Substance License Revoked.....	2
Duplicate Certificates Granted.....	30
Personal Certificates of Registration Revoked.....	2
Personal Certificates of Registration Suspended.....	1
Probation.....	4
Reciprocity Applications Granted.....	33
Warning and/or Reprimand.....	3
Wholesale Druggist's License Denied.....	1

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Number of Drug Stores.....	1450
Number of Drug Stores Holding Certificates of Fitness.....	1060
Number of Drug Stores Controlled Substances.....	1450
Number of New Drug Stores Opened.....	23
Number of Removals of Drug Stores.....	26
Number of Institutional Controlled Substances.....	211
Number of Drug Stores Closed.....	87
Number of Active Registered Pharmacists.....	6693
Number of Active Assistant Registered Pharmacists.....	54
Number of Reinstatements of Registered Pharmacists.....	202
Number of Wholesale Druggist's License Issued.....	56
Number of Wholesale Controlled Substances.....	62



BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

JULY 1, 1974 to JUNE 30, 1975

EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACISTS

	<u>EXAMINED</u>	<u>REGISTERED</u>
January 27, 1975.....	41 .....	33
June 23, 1975.....	202 .....	172
TOTAL....	243 .....	205

REGISTERED BY MASSACHUSETTS THROUGH INTERSTATE RECIPROCTY

Arkansas.....	1
Connecticut.....	2
Illinois.....	1
Indiana.....	1
Kansas.....	1
Louisiana.....	1
Maine.....	1
Maryland.....	1
Michigan.....	1
Mississippi.....	1
New Jersey.....	2
New York.....	4
North Carolina.....	1
North Dakota.....	1
Pennsylvania.....	2
Rhode Island.....	5
Texas.....	1
Virginia.....	1
Wisconsin.....	1
Wyoming.....	1
TOTAL.....	33

